# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
# LOK SABHA

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Ganga River Basin Management Plan-2015
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has examined the recommendations of the report on Ganga River Basin Management Plan-2015 submitted by the consortium of Indian Institutes of Technologies, if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/ being taken by the Government thereon;
(b) the details of the funds spent on cleaning of Ganga river during each of the last three years and the current year; and
(c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding utilisation of funds meant for cleaning of Ganga river during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon?

## Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) The consortium of 7 IITs has submitted its report "Ganga River Basin Management Plan-2015" (GRBMP-2015) to this Ministry. The report is under consideration in consultation with other Ministries. According to the Plan, the Major issues in Ganga river basin are:-

1. Over-use of natural resources of the basin
2. Discharge of pollutants into terrestrial and aquatic environments
3. Reduction in water −holding capacities and replenishment of water bodies
4. Mutilation of rivers by piecemeal engineering operations
5. Threats to geological processes in the basin.

(b) The expenditure on cleaning Ganga during 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (till 31st Oct., 2015) is Rs.191.52 crore, Rs.303.95 crore, Rs.326.00 crore and Rs. 760.00 crores respectively.
(c)) No, Madam. The Government has not received any specific complaint in utilization of these funds.

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